

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Institute of Museum and Library Services -Connecting to Collections - State Planning Grants

Current Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 16, 2007
Archive Date:	Nov 15, 2007
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Arts (see "Cultural Affairs" in CFDA) Humanities (see "Cultural Affairs" in CFDA)
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	25
Estimated Total Program Funding:	
Award Ceiling:	\$40,000
Award Floor:	\$1
CFDA Number:	45.312 -- National Leadership Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants:

- Private institutions of higher education
- State governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

All applications are required to reflect multiple partnerships, including representatives of libraries, museums, archives, statewide service organizations and state agencies. Any U.S. nonprofit library or museum is eligible (please see IMLS eligibility criteria at www.imls.gov/applicants/criteria.shtm for a full definition of these kinds of institutions). In addition, a library or museum consortium or association is eligible to apply. Any single organization need not have statewide stewardship; this statewide perspective can be achieved through partnerships. More than one application may be submitted from an individual state, commonwealth, or territory, but only one application per state will be funded. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Description:

The agency invites proposals for statewide, collaborative planning grants to address the recommendations of the Heritage Health Index (HHI), which found the collections held in the public trust by libraries, museums, and archives to be at great risk. The report offered four recommendations for collecting institutions: • that they provide safe conditions for their collections; • that they develop an emergency plan; • that they assign responsibility for collections care; and • that they marshal public and private support for and raise public awareness about collections care. These planning grants are intended to engage institutions with responsibility for collections stewardship within a state, commonwealth, or territory in consultation and planning for ways to address the HHI recommendations most relevant for their state. It is not necessary for all four recommendations to be addressed, but all four may, indeed, be pertinent. These grants are aimed at fostering effective partnerships among organizations that have a strong commitment to shared collections stewardship goals. This program will fund ongoing or new collaborations. Projects may build on previous or nascent statewide planning efforts. Projects should demonstrate how the participating organizations (representing libraries, museums, archives, and other relevant statewide organizations) will work together in a planning process that moves the state closer to achieving the recommendations of the HHI through an appropriate and achievable plan for action. These planning grants are a central component of the Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action initiative and will result in a series of models and best practices for institutions nationwide. There will be two grant competitions, in FY 2008 and FY 2009, with the goal of making one award per state. IMLS also plans to offer a limited number of implementation grants of up to \$500,000 each in order to help implement model statewide plans. IMLS will post excellent statewide plans and best practices on the agency's website as part of this initiative.

Link to Full Announcement:

[Link to grant program page on IMLS Web site. -
http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/CtoCPlanning.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/CtoCPlanning.shtm)

http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/pdf/CtoC_2008.pdf

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=15173>